



## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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**Correction:** *Board Highlights* for the meeting of Aug. 29 incorrectly described the district's planned uses of \$15.1 million in stability funds for 2011-12. Of that amount, \$7.6 million is being used to delay operating budget reductions in the current year, \$3.5 is designated to offset expected mid-year state budget cuts, and \$4 million is earmarked to close the gap in state funding if enrollment falls short of projections. In addition, the district has set aside \$4 million in stability funds for use in 2012-13 in anticipation of continuing state budget cuts to community colleges.

### Board meeting of Sept. 9, 2011

## THE HEADLINES

### The Board of Trustees approved or authorized:

- Adoption of the district's 2011-12 budget
- A \$1 increase in the student health fee starting in winter
- Expedited construction at De Anza
- Professional achievement awards and professional growth awards

## INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

**Adoption of 2011-12 budget:** Trustees adopted the district's 2011-12 budget, following months of discussion. In response to a question from Trustee **Joan Barram**, Vice Chancellor **Kevin McElroy** said the most recent figures indicate the district is on target to meet its enrollment projections. However, he noted that enrollment snapshots vary from week to week prior to the start of school. He acknowledged that a substantial drop in enrollment would pose a financial risk, but added that the district's stability fund would provide a one-time cushion for this year if enrollment falls short. Vice Chancellor McElroy noted that the district's Audit & Finance Committee, which includes two trustees and four public members, had recommended approval of the budget and requested information at its next quarterly meeting on the district's plans for permanently eliminating its structural operating deficit. The district is closing its \$7.6 million deficit this year using one-time dollars from the stability fund. The adopted budget projects \$173.8 million in revenue and \$181.4 million in expenditures.

**Increase in health fee:** The board approved a \$1 increase in the student health fee, effective winter quarter, to offset inflation as allowed under the state Education Code. This will bring the health fee to \$15 per quarter and is the first increase since 2007. Keeping up with the cost of inflation allows the district to continue offering the same level of health services. If the district did not collect the maximum fee, the state would deduct the difference from the district's unfunded mandate claim. Proceeds from the health fee can only be used to provide health services, including operation of health centers.

**Expedited construction at De Anza:** After close questioning, trustees authorized Executive Director of Facilities, Operations and Construction Management **Charles Allen** to negotiate change orders totaling no more than \$175,000 to allow expedited completion of multiple site-improvement projects at De Anza. As a result, Allen said he expects most construction work on the campus would be finished before classes begin. In response to questions from Trustees **Betsy Bechtel** and **Laura Casas Frier**, he said the complications that slowed construction could not have been foreseen. He said seeking authorization for the change orders before negotiating them was and would remain a rare occurrence. He noted that the projects were on a tight timeline over the summer because of the extensive disruption they would cause.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES & PERSONNEL**

**Professional Achievement Awards:** Trustees approved the Professional Achievement Award applications of 18 faculty members at Foothill and 22 at De Anza, as recommended by Foothill President **Judy Miner** and De Anza Associate Vice President of Instruction **Rowena Tomaneng**. The awards recognize excellence in the performance of duties, continued professional growth and service to the college or district. The recommendations may be viewed from the following address by clicking on Item 2 on the Sept. 12 agenda: [http://www.fhda.edu/about\\_us/stories/storyReader\\$266](http://www.fhda.edu/about_us/stories/storyReader$266).

From Foothill, those receiving awards are **Doug Boyett, Elvira Coffin, Karen Erickson, Kurt Gravenhorst, Elaine Haight, Sharon Jenene Key, Keith Lee, Brian Lewis, Dixie Macias, Rosemarie Menager, Jose Nava, Keith Pratt, Phyllis Spragge, Daniel Svenson, Davida Vance-Lee, Pam Wilkes, Kim Wolterbeek** and **Tilly Wu**.

From De Anza, those who receiving awards are **Diane Alves De Lima, Mary Bennett, Randy Bryant, Judith Clavijo, David Coleman, Kathy Flores, Natasha Joplin, Anuradha Khanna, Christopher Kwak, Coleen Lee-Wheat, Ann Lee-Yen, Richard Lopez, Maria Marin, Farshod Mosh, Mary Pape, Marilyn Patton, Mark Sherby, Mary Sullivan, Lan Tao, Susan Tavernetti, Laurel Torres** and **Pete Vernazza**.

**Promotions:** The board ratified the promotion of **Naziko Galoyan** to evaluation specialist at Foothill.

**Professional growth awards:** Trustees approved Professional Growth Awards for the following employees – at Foothill, lab tech **Wing Yi Wu** and accounting assistant **Wen Ju Xu**; at De Anza, program coordinator **Sofia Abad**, administrative assistant **Patricia Jobs**, instructional associate **Lesley McCortney**, and administrative assistant **Bhavi Patel**; and in Central Services, **Patricia Conens** and **Anna Luna**.

## **REPORTS & HEARING OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Trustees' comments:** Trustees Barram, Casas Frier and board President **Pearl Cheng** reported on attending the Cupertino Fall Festival. The Foothill-De Anza Foundation hosted a booth at the event, and the Euphrat Museum sponsored hands-on art activities for children.

**Presidents' comments:** President Miner reported on the recognition of several Foothill faculty members. Biology instructor **Carolyn Holcroft**, vice president of the college Academic Senate, has been named to the curriculum committee of the statewide Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. History and women's studies instructor **Dolores Davison**, president of Foothill Senate and a member of the executive committee of the

statewide Senate, is chairing two statewide Senate committees, on occupational education and distance education. Music Technology Program Director **Bruce Tambling** and his students have been invited by **David Woodley Packard** and The Packard Humanities Institute to record the current season of performances of the San Jose Opera. Astronomy instructor **Andrew Fraknoi** is organizing star parties, including one at Foothill on Nov. 5, for the inaugural Bay Area Science Festival, featuring more than 100 events and activities having to do with science. The festival runs from Oct. 29 through Nov. 6.

**Chancellor's comments:** Chancellor Linda Thor reported on opportunities for trustee participation during the visit of accrediting teams to the colleges and district Oct. 24-27. In addition to sessions with trustees and top district administrators, there will be an afternoon reception for the visiting team members on Monday, Oct. 24, at each of the colleges. The team exit reports will be presented the last day of their visits at 12:30 p.m. at Foothill and 1:30 p.m. at De Anza.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees is Monday, Oct. 3, 2011, at 6 p.m. in the district Board Room. Agendas generally are posted 72 hours in advance at: [http://www.fhda.edu/about\\_us/board/agenda/](http://www.fhda.edu/about_us/board/agenda/). Please check the agenda to verify time and location of the meeting.

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